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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - ROUND I ATMOSPHERICS

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1. THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM GAVE A QUANTATIVE REPORT ON ROUND I; THIS ONE WILL SEEK TO GIVE THE CONCLUSION OF THE USDEL AND WASH TEAM ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE.

2. BY AND LARGE, ROUND I WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE VISIBLE DETERMINATION OF ALL TO MAKE THE OPENING ROUND A HARBINGER OF A SUCCESSFUL REVIEW. THE QUALITY OF EXPERTS FIELDDED BY THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS VARIED, BUT MOST WERE TOP QUALITY - PARTICULARLY IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE MACHINE TOOL AND ELECTRONICS AREAS. INTERESTINGLY, THE BUDGET PINCH AFFECTED MANY. WASH TEAM MEMBERS CAN RECOUNT HOW THE JAPANESE EXPERTS CAME ON A JAL HONEYMOON CHARTER, AND THE ITALIAN DEL INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT THEIR TOP-NOTCH EXPERT ON NUMERICAL CONTROL EQUIPMENT WAS UNABLE TO COME BECAUSE FUNDS HAD RUN OUT.

3. ONCE CERTAIN DELS HAD RELIEVED THEMSELVES OF TART COMMENTS ON US INABILITY TO STATE POSITIONS (E.G.,  
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DOWN TO FOREBEARANCE IN THOSE SEVERAL INSTANCES WHEN OUR ONLY INSTRUCTIONS WERE "RESERVE AND REPORT". THE WILLINGNESS OF THE US TO LISTEN TO AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE JUSTIFICATIONS ADDUCED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES (LARGELY RELAXATIONS) CONTRIBUTED TO A LACK OF THE SORT OF SHARP EXCHANGES WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WERE FOUND IN OTHER REVIEWS.

4. ALSO SATISFYING FROM THE US STANDPOINT WAS THE FIRMNESS DISPLAYED BY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE DUTCH, FRENCH, CANADIAN, AND UK DELEGATIONS IN CURBING SOME OF THE MORE EXTREME PROPOSALS FOR DELETION AND LIBERALIZATION IN THOSE AREAS WHERE MILITARY USAGE REMAINS A MAJOR CONCERN (IL 1501, 1510, 1564, ETC). PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN THIS RESPECT WERE INTERVENTIONS BY THE LATTER THREE DELEGATIONS (ON DIFFERENT ITEMS, OF COURSE) WITH INFORMATION ON LOWER BLOC CAPABILITY THAN THE PROPOSING DEL MAY HAVE CLAIMED. REGRETTABLY, IN MOST OF THESE INSTANCES, WE DID NOT HAVE INTELLIGENCE STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE ENABLED US TO MAKE THE SAME POINTS.

5. AFTER HAMMERING FAIRLY HEAVILY EARLY IN THE ROUND ON THE ISSUE OF APPLICABILITY (OR NOT) OF THE COCOM STRATEGIC CRITERIA, THIS POINT WAS RAISED LESS OFTEN AS THE ROUND PROCEEDED. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD DO WELL IN OUR PREPARATION FOR ROUND II TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PROPOSED POSITIONS ARE TESTED AGAINST THESE CRITERIA (RESTATED IN OECD PARIS 25598) AND THAT THE TECHNICAL TASK GROUPS ALSO HAVE THEM IN MIND WHEN PREPARING THEIR

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REPORTS. IDEALLY, IF, IN THE NEXT ROUND OR ROUNDS IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO OBJECT TO A PROPOSAL, THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE USDEL SHOULD INCLUDE MENTION OF THE CRITERIA WHICH APPLIES.

6. ALL IN ALL, THE US CAN BE SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF ROUND I. IT IS IMPORTANT, THOUGH, THAT THE TONE OF COOPERATION BE CONTINUED IN THE SECOND (AND HOPEFULLY, LAST) ROUND, AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE USG HAS GIVEN FULL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THE PROPOSALS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS ALSO IN THE INTEREST OF ACHIEVING ACCEPTANCE OUR PROPOSED ADD-ONS.

7. WE WOULD URGE AGAIN THAT, FROM PURELY PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATE COUNTER-PROPOSALS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED DATE OF DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM. EARLY CIRCULATION NOT ONLY ASSURES A BETTER RECEPTION (AND PROMPTER POSITIONS) FROM OTHER DELS, BUT ALSO MORE CAREFUL EDITING AND REPRODUCTION BY USDEL THAN IF RECEIVED TOO CLOSE TO THE WIRE.  
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